

Community Alliance of Sarasota County

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Developmental Disabilities Committee

December 8, 2009

Meeting Summary

Members present:

Cain Blackwell	YMCA/Safe Children Coalition
Alma Cervantes	Suncoast Center for Independent Living
Margie Genter	Goodwill Industries – Manasota
Sarah Hickey	Sarasota County School Board
Deborah Hobson	Family Network on Disabilities
Teresa Johnson	Parent
Andrea King	Sarasota County Parks and Recreation
Susan Magers	Parent
Michelle Pilkington	Agency for Persons with Disabilities
Carol Burmeister Prichard	Community Member – Special Education Professional
Ryan Stoyles	Community Haven
Chip Taylor	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Caitlin M. Trask	United Cerebral Palsy
Laurel White	Vocational Rehabilitation

Members not present:

Sue Firestone	Senior Friendship Centers
Ellen Hepner	Children’s Medical Services
Richard Montemagno	Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office
Kameron Partridge	Easter Seals Southwest Florida
Myriam Reyes	Parent Representative for Manasota ARC
Mary Smith	Family Network on Disabilities
Boyd L. Stout, Jr.	Parent Representative for United Cerebral Palsy
Benny Weaver	Loveland Center
Diane Weiner	Manasota ARC
Kim Williams	The Florida Center

Others present:

Holly Hinkle	Parent
Pat Johnson	Whole Child of Manatee
Nora Israel	United Cerebral Palsy
Jon McKenzie	IDEAS Information and Data Exchange
Sue Memminger	Parent

Staff:

Nancy DeLoach	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
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Kathleen Marie Hall
Jamie Mahadeo

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Welcome and Introductions

Chair Ryan Stoyles welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Susan Magers moved, Michelle Pilkington seconded to approve the November 10 meeting summary. The motion passed unanimously.

Whole Child Presentation

Pat Johnson, Whole Child Manatee Coordinator gave a [presentation](#) on the Manatee County project that began in 2000 through the Lawton Chiles Foundation. The Foundation currently partners with 6 counties across Florida including Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Madison, Manatee, and Martin counties. The philosophy of the Whole Child Manatee is to utilize strategic planning, web-based technology, performance measurement, and broad-based community engagement to build communities to ensure that children thrive. Whole Child Manatee is a collaboration of agencies and providers who take a holistic approach in focusing on six dimensions of children's well being to raise healthy children:

- Economic stability
- Physical and mental health
- Quality early education and development
- Safe and nurturing environment
- Social-emotional development
- Spiritual foundation and strength

The "Whole Child Connection" assists families in navigating the system along with referring clients to providers and in building partnerships to strengthen services in the community. Staff strives to attend meetings in the community to provide awareness and buy-in on the project. A discussion ensued on agency information updates and the Whole Child advisors. Pat stated that for further information go to <http://www.wholechildmanatee.com>.

IDEAS Tapestry Presentation

Jon McKenzie, IDEAS Project Manager gave a brief [presentation](#) on the Tapestry Project along with a history on Coordinated Assistance Network (CAN) and Visionlink (the national provider for the Tapestry system). Jon stated that Tapestry is a comprehensive broad community resource system that is available to local organizations and partners in both Sarasota and Manatee counties. The funding for this project has been underwritten by Sarasota and Manatee counties along with several partners. Jon reviewed the objectives of the project, the advantage of having one directory, the common shared client data, the disaster response data collection, and the

availability of comprehensive reports to the funders. Sarasota County is the administrative and financial agent for the system in the 12th Judicial Circuit; has the capability of subcontracting the system out to other agencies in the community. The current users of the system are "Blue Sky" Case Management, Foreclosure Resource Assistance Network (FRAN), Manasota 2-1-1, Recover Suncoast, Sarasota Partnership for Children's Mental Health (SPCMH), and Jewish Family and Children's Services (JFCS) with the possibility of adding ESF15 and the conversion of the HMIS in the future. Other future potential portals discussed were shelter management, donor outreach, justice information along with mental health and substance abuse. The value of the system is to lower the operational cost by having one system in the community along with improving client case management and client services. Jon briefly went over the website, the resource and client pages, and the service finder.

A discussion ensued on the procedure and criteria for providers to be placed on the Manasota 2-1-1 directory, updates to the agency information on Tapestry and Manasota 2-1-1, and the relationship between DCF and Tapestry. Nancy DeLoach commented that agencies receiving county funding are required to update their information on a quarterly basis.

Human Service Advisory Council Presentation

Nancy DeLoach, Contracted Human Services Supervisor gave a presentation on the Human Service Advisory Council and the process for obtaining county funding. Nancy explained that Contracted Human Services manages the Human Services contracts that are awarded each year by Sarasota County. Nancy distributed the following information:

- [HSAC Sarasota County Resolution](#) which consists of the purpose and duties of the HSAC along with the composition and qualifications, appointments, terms of membership and rules of procedure.
- [HSAC Roster](#) which consists of the twenty-one members with three current vacancies. All terms are three years with the exception of the STAR seat which serves as a one-year term. Positions typically expire in March or May and an advertisement will be sent out in January for the expiring positions in 2010. It is always suggested for candidates to speak to Contracted Human Services prior to applying for a seat in order to receive a full understanding of the required commitment and the funding recommendation process.
- [Application Packet](#) which includes the policy framework and rating criteria.

Nancy explained that during the application process HSAC members review the site visits, scores, performance, financial assessment, the collaboration and use of volunteers within each agency and if there is any duplication of services. Discussions ensued on the level of scrutiny to receive funding for a new agency, how to apply for a vacant seat, the member criteria, representation of developmental disabilities on HSAC, and creating a developmental disabilities presentation for the board at a future meeting. Nancy stated that the next HSAC meeting will be on December 9 in Room 226 and invited the Developmental Disabilities Committee members to attend. Discussions at

this meeting will be on the policy phase, formal reporting, and the human services sub-system education piece at future meetings.

New Business

Announcements

Chip Taylor announced that Jim DeBeaugrine, Director of APD will be attending an event in Tampa on January 19 in the afternoon and may be able to meet with the Developmental Disabilities Committee in the morning. Teresa Johnson suggested that staff forward an email to the committee members to hold the date. Chip stated that additional information will be sent out soon.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 1:00 p.m., Sarasota County Health and Human Services, Room 226